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Dr. Howell Garner

Changes Help Make Homecoming a Huge Success!

It seems that every year Homecoming at Co-Lin gets just a little better. This year was no exception, but maybe, just maybe, it was the BEST Homecoming in recent years. Our hats are off to the leadership of the Alumni staff and officers for such an outstanding weekend of events and activities. Charlotte Hill, Executive Director, and David Campbell, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs, and Kristi Watts, Secretary to Alumni Affairs, all planned and worked diligently for several weeks preparing for this annual event. What a success!!

There were some significant CHANGES in the schedule of events this year. From all accounts, these changes contributed significantly to the success on Homecoming Day. For example, registration was set up in the foyer of the Ewing Administration Building, and the two most important meetings (Sports Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards and Business meeting) on Saturday morning were both held in Rea Auditorium – right there next to the registration, making that morning's events very convenient. In past years there has been a luncheon in the cafeteria for the Alumni Awards and Business Meeting, but since 2003 the Tailgate Party has been so popular that many people have suggested combining the lunches.

This year, that's just what we did, and there was a great turnout for lunch at the Tailgate Party! One special change was made to accommodate those who wanted a normal sit down meal in a quiet place. The Oswalt Memorial Library and the Mutton Building were opened with tables to accommodate those who wanted that calmer, quieter atmosphere. Everyone enjoyed the Tailgate luncheon – it's estimated that over 600 people participated in that part of the day. Thanks to Georgia Pacific for providing catfish plates for over 500 people that day. Thanks also to many of our Co-Lin faculty and staff members who worked before, during and after Homecoming Day to make this a successful day.

Another CHANGE made as a result of numerous requests was the movement of game time to a later time – the sun was setting soon after kickoff. It was great weather and a great setting for an outstanding football game. And an outstanding game it was!

The Co-Lin Wolves came from behind to win the game against the East Central Warriors for a packed house on the home side of the stadium. CONGRATULATIONS to the Co-Lin Wolves on a great season this year!

Still another CHANGE was made to provide time for REUNIONS on Saturday afternoon, and then create an atmosphere of pre-game activities in the Henley Courtyard area with a performance by the Co-Lin Sojourners, and then the announcement of the Homecoming Court. Finally the cheerleaders and the band led us in our pep rally to get us all in the spirit for a good ballgame! The Wolf Den (old grill) was open for those of us who wanted to sit and visit some during the afternoon.

COMMENDATIONS go to the Alumni staff and officers and to all of those who made this year's Homecoming one to remember. Wrapping it up in one word, it was GREAT!

Howell C Garner

Alumni Association Officers

Rachel Thames Peeples of Ridgeland is the new president of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumni Association. Peeples is a member of the Co-Lin Hall of Fame and a 1983 Co-Lin graduate. She received an undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate from Florida State University and teaches at Mississippi College. She and her husband, Larry, have two daughters, Ashley Anne and Caroline. Peeples followed Patti Page Wade ('81) of Flowood as president.

Lisa Ward Purdie, also of Ridgeland and a 1984 Co-Lin graduate, is the new vice-president. Purdie received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She works in the communications department at Millsaps College. Purdie and her husband, Alan, have one child, Annalee.

Steve Moreman of Monticello and a 1984 graduate was elected secretary of the Alumni Association at homecoming. Moreman is a funeral director and serves on the Board of Aldermen for Monticello. He and his wife, Gayden, have three sons, Alton, Elliott and Oliver.

Peeples

Purdie

Moreman

Athletic Alumni Officers

Mike Lusk, Sr., of Wesson has been elected president of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Athletic Alumni Association. Lusk, a retired civil engineer, is a 1954 graduate of Co-Lin and a member of the Foundation Hall of Fame. He follows Charlie King.

Jim Robbins of Columbia is vice-president. He is a 1965 graduate of Co-Lin and a member of the Sport Hall of Fame. J. Ronny Smith of Brookhaven is the new secretary of the Athletic Association. He is a 1966 Co-Lin graduate and is also a member of the Sports Hall of Fame.

Lusk

Robbins

Smith

Nominations for 2007 Alumni Honors

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumni Association is accepting nominations for Outstanding Alumna and Alumnus of the Year and Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year, Outstanding Career-Tech Instructor of the Year and Outstanding Staff Member of the Year for 2007.

These individuals will be honored during the 2007 Co-Lin Homecoming festivities. A deadline for receiving nominations will be set later. Alumni and friends are urged to get nominations in as early as possible. Nomination forms are available on the Co-Lin web site, www.colin.edu, under "Alumni and Friends" or from the Alumni office at P. O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191. Nominations should be returned to the Alumni office.

The Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus of the Year is selected based on their work for the betterment of Co-Lin, accomplishments as leaders in the business and professional world and outstanding service to their community.

Sports Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame can also be made through the Alumni office. Nominations must be made by members of the Athletic Alumni Association and must be received by July 1, 2007. Forms to make these nominations are also available on the college's web site and at the Alumni office.

Lists of recipients of the awards are available on the web site under "Alumni and Friends."

Alumni of the Year

The Co-Lin Alumni Association honored two alumni for their contributions to the college and their achievements during an awards program held at Homecoming 2006. Lura Greer of Wesson was honored as Alumna of the Year, and Michael Lusk, Sr., also of Wesson, was honored as Alumnus of the Year.

Greer is an active alumna of both Co-Lin High School and Co-Lin Community College, having attended in 1945-46. She is schedule to be inducted into the Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame in 2007 for her support of the college. Greer is a sponsor of the Lura M., Larry and Dale Greer Major Donor Endowed Scholarship.
She has served 13 years on the Wesson Board of Alderman and is a board member of the Copiah County Economic Development District. Greer served three consecutive terms as president of the Wesson Chamber of Commerce and was selected Wesson's Outstanding Citizen in 1999.

She has two children, Larry and Dale, and four grandchildren and is active in Decell Memorial Methodist Church.

Lusk is a graduate of Co-Lin High School and a 1954 graduate of Co-Lin Community College. He is also a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame and was elected president of the Athletic Alumni Association at Homecoming 2006. Lusk is sponsor of the Michael Lusk Pre-engineering Scholarship.

He graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in civil engineering and retired from a career as a professional engineer in 1995. He worked as a senior project manager, specializing in industrial plants and marine facilities.

Lusk has two children, Michael, Jr. and Stacye, and four grandchildren. He is married to Lynette Garney and is active in Beaureguard Methodist Church and the Wesson Lions Club.

Outstanding Faculty & Staff Members

The Co-Lin Alumni Association honored two instructors and one staff member during an awards program in Rea Auditorium at Homecoming 2006.

Dr. Kevin McKone is a physics instructor at Co-Lin. He received his undergraduate degree from Colorado State University and his master's and doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

His past work experience includes having served in the Peace Corps, taught in an industrial setting in Saudi Arabia and worked at the Naval Oceanographic Office. Dr. McKone has previously been named to Who's Who among Community College Teachers, received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence in Teaching Award and received the Co-Lin High Performance Award.

Dr. McKone, his wife, Kathy, son, Noah, and daughter, Haley Wicker, live near Bogue Chitto.

Mary Shivers is director of the medical laboratory technology program at Co-Lin. The Tylertown resident has been with Co-Lin since 1993. She previously worked as a medical technologist with the Walthall General Hospital and Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center.

She is a Co-Lin graduate and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her professional affiliations include the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and the American Society for Clinical Pathologist. She is a board member of the Mississippi Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

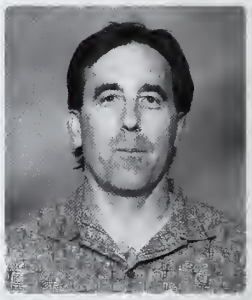
Mrs. Shivers is married to Robert David Shivers, and they have two children, Christopher David and Courtney Elizabeth. They are active in Tylertown Baptist Church.

Melissa Kyzar is a child caregiver in the child development program at Co-Lin. She has been a teacher in the two-year-old program since 1993 and also supervises college students enrolled in the child development technology program in a laboratory setting.

She is a graduate of the Co-Lin child development technology program. Prior to joining Co-Lin she served as a teacher of two-year-olds for First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

Mrs. Kyzar and her husband, James, have two children, Evon and Justin, and live at Bogue Chitto.

Melissa Kyzar was honored as the Outstanding Staff Member of the Year.



Dr. Kevin McCone was named Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year.

Mary Shivers received the Outstanding Career-Tech Instructor of the Year award.

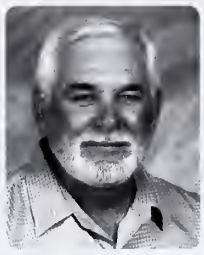
Sports Hall of Fame

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Athletic Alumni Association added five new members to the college's Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the 2006 homecoming.

Ralph Newell was inducted into the Sports Hall of fame posthumously for his achievements in basketball while a student at Co-Lin in 1963-65. He was Co-Lin's leading re-bounder and leading scorer having averaged 20 points per game during his career at the college. Newell was unanimously named All-State in basketball by the Mississippi Association of Junior College Coaches.

Newell

Parsons


Robbins

Newell, who coached and taught in Thomastown, has one son, Ralph "Lin" Newell, Jr., and two grandchildren, Bailey and McKenzie. He and his wife, Benjie, and step-daughter, Jessie, resided in Gulf Breeze, Ala., at the time of his death in 1999. Newell was retired and a disabled Vietnam veteran.

Smith

Watts

Robert Parsons earned distinction at Co-Lin as a basketball player in 1959-61. He made first team all-state in 1961, having scored 36 points in one game. He had a successful career as a coach and teacher in Georgia accumulating 565 career basketball wins and placement on Georgia's List of Winning Coaches. He achieved state tournament teams in four different sports and received the Coaching Milestone Award in 1994.

He and his wife, Tina Moore Parsons, live in Hiram, Georgia. They have two daughters, Brigitte and Christy, and one grandson, Benjamin.

Joe Robbins of Nederland, Texas, came to Co-Lin from Natchez and played football and baseball and ran track in 1964-66. He lettered two years in baseball and football and was selected all-state first team as a defensive back his sophomore year.

He served in the Air Force and completed a career in the oil refinery business. He is now working with the Nederland school system. Robbins is married to Tommy Jean Budwah Robbins. They have two children, Michelle and Cody, and three grandchildren, Callie, Mackenna and Easton.

J. Mike Smith has been head football coach at Hinds Community College since 2003. He was first team all-state, first team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) all-American and first team all-American specialist at Co-Lin in 1971-73.

Smith was an assistant football coach and director of student activities at Co-Lin in 1978-86. He and his wife Tammy Helton Smith, have five children, Jennifer, Jay, Jared, Hunter and Brittany, and two grandchildren, Anne and Allison.

Shelby Watts, who lives in Raymond, played basketball for Co-Lin 1956-58 and made all-state two years. He also was on the track team both years. As a high school boys basketball coach, he has accumulated a 785-411 career record. He is currently head basketball coach at Central Hinds Academy where he has coached since 1994.

Watts is married to Sylvia Whitehead Watts, and they have two daughters, Lisa and Lauren, and three grandchildren, Connor, Caroline and Emily.

Dot Franklin and the Colettes

The mother of all Colettes didn't know how to dance when she got married, but she helped create a nationally famous dance group patterned after the renowned Rockettes. Dorothy "Dot" Franklin and her husband, band director Ralph Franklin, brought major changes to band performances in Mississippi and across America.

Co-Lin's dancing drill team was the first in Mississippi and the third in the nation. Only the Kilgore College (Texas) Rangerettes, formed in 1939-40, and the Tyler Junior College (Texas) Apache Belles preceded Co-Lin's precision team, Dot Franklin remembered.

They were first called the Colettes in the 1949-50 school year. Prior to that, the group was known as the dancing majorettes. The Hinds Community College Hi-Steppers also claim to be number three and the first in the state. However, their web site says the group is only in its 52nd year.

"He was into entertaining," Dot said describing her husband's involvement in creating innovative band performances. Franklin had been band director at Jefferson Military School before coming to Co-Lin, she said. There, with the help of a good drum major, he had the all male band dancing during performances, Franklin explained.

Husband Wrote the Book

At Co-Lin the two Franklins created a unique dance group with props and pioneering uniforms. Ralph Franklin literally wrote the book on band performances. He and Kenneth Carruth wrote a book, "Props Make the Band Show," in 1957. Carruth worked in the career-tech division at Co-Lin. It became a manual for building and using props to enhance band performances.

Dot met her husband when he brought the Co-Lin orchestra to perform at Arlington School in Lincoln County. After having spent two years at Blue Mountain College, she was teaching music for $80 per year. "He always said he 'fell in love at first sight,'" she remembered.

They married a year later, but their life was interrupted as a result of Pearl Harbor and Franklin's entrance into the military. "I didn't know how to dance when we got married," she said. Ralph

was in the military orchestra before going to India and played at the Jackson Airbase. It was there that soldiers taught her to dance. "I guess I had rhythm," Franklin explained.

First Head Colette

"Dot taught us all the steps," Mary Little Peevey, the first head Colette, said. "Not everyone thought we should be out there," Peevey said explaining the changes in uniform and dances they did. She said it "helped reduce the criticism because there was a lady (Dot) working with the girls."

> "That year when we appeared in parades, it almost caused a riot ..."

Peevey was the first to wear satin shorts. "My mother made the costume and thought it was ok, so it was alright with me," she said. Prior to that time, the majorettes wore short skirts.

Clyde Wilson, former band director at Co-Lin and a student band member when the Colettes were created, remembered, "that year when we appeared in parades, it almost caused a riot with young men running beside the band to keep watching her."

Peevey said that she never really had a problem. "They were all very nice," she said. "Our performances were an event and we were well received.

Dot eventually made a purchase of shorts and shirts from McRae's department store in Jackson. "They were short but not too short," she said. Dot hand printed "Colettes" on the front of each turtle-neck shirt.

Props were a big part of each performance. In one show Dot had 39 girls on the football field doing figure eights on bicycles. They performed across the South and Washington, D. C. A Miami Herald newspaper reported, "Co-Lin Street Serenades Keep Miami Agog," after the band and Colettes marched in a parade in that city. The band and Colettes gave 37 performances before Christmas one year during that period.

Ed Sullivan Show Appearance

Their reputation eventually landed them on the Ed Sullivan "Toast of the Town" variety show. That opportunity came after a performance in Mobile, Alabama, at the Senior Bowl. They danced on the show in different colored uniforms made from a material that glowed under a black light, Franklin said.

"I don't know how I did it," the Brookhaven High School graduate said. "We had three sons and lived in faculty housing." Dot later went back to school and completed her undergraduate and master's degrees and taught music in the public school system.

She now lives in Cleveland a few blocks from Delta State University. After leaving Co-Lin, Ralph Franklin, now deceased, became band director at Delta State. She said she attends two Bible studies each week and plays bridge about once a week. "I also go to the hairdresser," she said and laughed.

Dot Franklin was made the first member of the Co-Lin Band and Colette Alumni Association when it was formed at the 2006 Homecoming.

1950 Colettes
Carmen Miranda's "Cielito Lindo"

2006 Blue Wave Show Band

Band and Colette Alumni Chapter

Co-Lin band and Colette alumni have organized an alumni chapter with goals ranging from establishing a hall of fame to providing a scholarship. A large number of alumni met during homecoming to establish the chapter and elect officers.

Charlie McCall of McCall Creek, a 1963 graduate and member of the band, was elected president. Johnnie Ruth Carpenter Carlisle of Wesson, a 1963 graduate and a Colette, was selected as vice-president. Shelley Smith Huskey, also a Colette and a 1996 graduate, will serve as the first secretary. She is a chemistry instructor on the Wesson campus and serves as the current Colette and color guard instructor.

BOARD MEMBERS - Elected as members of the board are seated from left, Lisa Purdie, Celeste Williamson, Becky Coleman, Johnnie Ruth Carlisle, vice president; Shelley Huskey, secretary; Pattie Wade; standing from left, Shaw Furlow, Dr. Jerry Wilkinson, John Calcote, Charlie McCall, president; and Charley Evans.

Under the Band and Colette Alumni Chapter's bylaws, the organization will have a board of directors with two members from each of five decades of participants in the band program.

Elected as board members are Lisa Ward Purdie ('84), Celeste Jones Williamson ('97), Charley Evans ('54), Becky Coleman Nix ('56), John Calcote ('63), Jerry Wilkinson ('63), Shaw Furlow ('72), Martha Gill Hill ('79), Patti Page Wade ('81), and Deemie Montgomery Letchworth ('94).

Membership dues are $10 plus membership in the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumni Association. College Alumni Association dues are $25 for individuals, $40 for couples or $250 for lifetime membership. Membership in the Band Colette Alumni Chapter is open to band program participants defined as "band managers, band members, band staff, Colettes, color guard, drum majors, majorettes and rifle corp."

The group discussed establishing a scholarship to be presented at the spring concert to band program participants. They also plan to establish a hall of fame to honor band program participants who have distinguished themselves.

DRAWING WINNER - Ann Weeks (center) of Brookhaven was the winner of a drawing held by the Co-Lin Band and Colette Alumni Chapter. The Chapter sponsored the sale of raffle tickets for a drawing for a $500 prize. Funds from the ticket sales went to help pay for the band to go to the Sea Island Company Isles Bowl Classic in Brunswick, Georgia. She accepted the prize from Charlie McCall, president of the Alumni Chapter. Her son, Matt, right, a Co-Lin Band member, sold the winning ticket.

Wolfpack shuts out Georgia Military in 2006 Golden Isles Bowl Classic

BRUNSWICK, Ga. – Copiah-Lincoln Community College sophomore quarterback Cedric Johnson made a victorious return to his home state of Georgia. Johnson directed the Wolfpack to a 21-0 victory over Georgia Military College in the Sea Island Company's Golden Isles Bowl Classic. He completed 12 of 17 passes for 86 yards and rushed 6 times for 31 yards including a touchdown. He was named Co-Lin's Most Valuable Player.

Co-Lin (9-3) posted its first shutout of the season and the first shutout in the 12-year history of the Golden Isles Bowl.

"This was a great win for our team and our program," Davis added. "Our players and coaches worked hard to achieve this."

Georgia Military (8-3), ranked No. 8 in the latest NJCAA poll, was overwhelmed by Co-Lin's swarming defense. The Bulldogs suffered their first shutout of the season. They were limited to 48 yards total offense, just seven yards rushing.
Setting up the first Co-Lin touchdown, defensive tackle Jessie Bowman recovered a fumble by GMC quarterback Carlton Fears on a sack at the Bulldogs' 25-yard line. Wide receiver Bud Chatman made two straight receptions of Cedric Johnson passes, moving the Wolfpack to the 3-yard line where Johnson made a leaping dive across the goal line.

On first down at the GMC 25, Johnson dodged several would be tacklers and hit Chatman with a 7-yard pass to the 18. On the next play, Johnson hit Chatman with a 15-yard gainer to the 3.

Nick Gunter's PAT kick was good and Co-Lin led 7-0 with 11:20 left in the first half.

Defense dominated the first half of action. Marcus Udell of Tallahassee intercepted Fears on GMC's first possession. After gaining a first down at the GMC 18, the Pack settled for a 38-yard field goal by Gunter. A low snap led to a low kick.
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McInnis-Lofton capture top prize in men's homecoming golf tournament

For the second straight year, the team of Ricky McInnis-Chris Lofton captured first place honors in the championship flight at the annual Homecoming Golf Tournament at Wolf Hollow Golf Club. The duo shot a 61.

Taking second place honors with a 62 was the team of Craig Hennington-Ronnie Keene. Third place went to the team of Allen Kent-Elmer McInnis with a 64.
Capturing first place in the first flight was the team of Alton Greenlee and Roland Ross with a 67. Second place went to Scott Ashley and Tony McInnis followed by David Gibson and David Thornhill. Second flight winners were Patrick Noonan and Billy Walker with a 73, Sam Jones and Cathy Rake with a 74, and third place Albert Hennington and Shelton Rogers. On-course winners included Roger Maddox, longest drive; Chris Lofton, longest putt; David Gibson, closest to the pin No. 4; Bob Carr, closest to the pin No. 8; Reggie Taylor, closest to the pin No. 11; and Scott Ashley, closest to the pin No. 14.

Championship flight winners in Co-Lin's annual Men's Homecoming Golf Tournament were Allen Kent (left), third place and Craig Hennington, second place.

Twenty-seven teams participated in the two-man scramble.

PriorityOne Bank Scholarships

PriorityOne Bank will provide a scholarship to Copiah-Lincoln Community College for a student from each of Magee High School, Simpson County Academy and Mendenhall High School. The scholarship is for tuition and fees for one semester of the students' sophomore year at the Simpson County campus of Co-Lin. Contact the business office on the Simpson County Campus for an application. Odean Busby (left), chief executive officer and chairman of the PriorityOne Bank board, and Robert Barnes (second from left), Simpson Division president and chief lending officer of PriorityOne Bank, present the scholarships to Dr. Howell Garner, Co-Lin President, and Dewayne Middleton (right), Co-Lin academic advisor for the Simpson County Center.

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More field goal woes plagued Co-Lin. After Johnson limped off the field, Co-Lin attempted a 34-yard field goal. It was blocked by Roger King and returned by Darrell Pasco to the Bulldogs' 39.

A 15-yard personal foul penalty against Co-Lin granted GMC a first down at the Pack's 46. The Bulldogs gained another first down at the Co-Lin 36 but the Pack turned back MGCC and took over at the 28 when Jasper O'Quinn broke up a fourth down pass at the goal line intended for wide receiver Emmanuel Duke.

Co-Lin took control in the second half. The Pack marched 76 yards in 9 plays and scored on a 2-yard plunge by Aaron Johns. Gunter's PAT kick put Co-Lin up 14-0 with 12:31 left in the game.

Johns, a sophomore from Thomasville, Ala., was the workhorse in Co-Lin's backfield. His 1-yard plunge and Gunter's PAT pushed the Pack's lead to 21-0 with 6:39 left to play. He finished the game with 22 carries for 98 yards.

Co-Lin wide receiver Damoyn Carroll caught 3 passes for 37 yards. Kentrell Cleveland had 12 rushes for 52 yards.

Udell intercepted two passes for the Wolfpack. Bowman recovered a fumble.

Daniel Wilcox, credited with 8 tackles and a quarterback sack, was chosen GMC's Most Valuable Player.

Homecoming 2006

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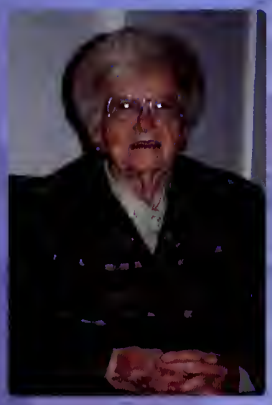

CLASS OF 1936 – Wilma Cole of Brookhaven was honored as a member of the class of 1936 during Copiah-Lincoln Community College's homecoming activities. Also attending was Lorena Wentworth Dean of Bude (not pictured).

TENTH REUNION – The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Class of 1996 celebrated their 10-year class reunion during the college's recent homecoming activities. Members of Class of 1996 attending are seated from left, Deedra Moak Bales of Bogue Chitto, Kelly Tarver Earls of Wesson, Tara Smith Rogers of Denham Springs, LA; standing from left, Barbara Jo Foster of Sontag, Shelley Smith Huskey of Jackson, Sandra Roberts Hyde and Karyn Craft Tanner, both of Magee.

HOMECOMING ROYALTY – Lacey Williams of Crystal Springs (center) was crowned Co-Lin's 2006 Homecoming Queen. Members of the 2006 Homecoming Court are from left, Dontrell Guy, Natchez Campus; Meleah Brown, Wesson Campus; Renada Newell, Natchez Campus; Kristen Cross, Wesson Campus; Mindy Morse, Wesson Campus; Queen Lacey Williams; Kaylin Burke, Wesson Campus; Lindsay Jones, Wesson Campus; Ellenora McGeehee, Natchez Campus; Emilye Walker, Wesson Campus; and Nikki DeCell, Natchez Campus. Members of the court were escorted by their fathers.

CO-LIN REUNION – Stacey Reid Duke (left) of Brandon along with her daughter Hailey (second from left) and Barry Tyson (far right) of Meadville and his children, Anna and Braden, attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College's homecoming activities. Duke and Tyson are members of the Co-Lin Class of 1986.

CLASS OF 1946 – Patsy Bailey Boone of Winona (left) and Lavelle Ratliff Douglas of Brookhaven were recently honored during Copiah-Lincoln Community College's homecoming activities.

COACHES REUNION - Former players and friends of Co-Lin coaches Wallace Hargon, A. J. "Red" Mangum and Bobby Oswalt recently met during the college's homecoming activities. Attending the reunion were from left, Joe Jordan of Altus, OK; Leon Boone of Florence, Burnice Trevillion of Port Gibson, Kenneth Britt and Alton Greenlee, both of Wesson. The three coached at Co-Lin from the mid 1950s to the early 1960s.

BASKETBALL REUNION - Members of the Co-Lin 1948-49 basketball team held a reunion at the home of Alton and Jean Ricks during Homecoming activities. Those attending include from left, Alton Ricks of Wesson, Gene Klar of Houston, Texas; Garland Brown of Bogue Chitto; John Pouncey of Gautier; Bob Barrett of Baton Rouge, La.; Coach Arliss Ricks of Raymond, Jim Sinclair of Brookhaven, and Vance Brown of Booneville. The team posted a record of 38-2.

CLASS OF 1956 – The Copiah-Lincoln Community College class of 1956 was honored during the college's recent homecoming activities. Members of Class of 1956 attending are seated from left, Linda (Purvis) Mullins, Jane Ellen (Crabtree) Layton, Nancy (Price) Zumalt, Katheryn (Decell) Massey, Ann (Burris) Cagle; second row from left, Billy Boutwell, Cleston Savoie of Bogue Chitto; Angelyn (Furr) Hubbard, Margaret (Slocum) Petrere, Carolyn (Case) Hynum, Patsy (Smith) Jordon of Altus, Okla.; Dot (Stuart) Brewer of Hendersonville, Tenn.; Tommy Rankin of Lacey's Spring, Ala.; third row from left, Glenn Beasley of Wesson, Wayne Kimble, Rwena (Case) McGee of Bogue Chitto; Principal James M. Lewis of Brookhaven; Robert Williams, James Nations of Raymond; Hubert Stuart, and Jim Cagle.

Community Arts Series

Copiah-Lincoln Community Arts Series kicks off the second half of the exciting season with the Georgia Guitar Quartet, the Patrick-Harris Vocal Duo and The Acting Company's performance of Jane Eyre. Season tickets are still available for these performances and the post-concert receptions. Tickets may be purchased in the Co-Lin Business Office on the Wesson Campus for $40 (adults), $35 (senior adults) and $20 (students).

Single performance tickets for The Acting Company are $20 for adults, $16 for senior adults, and $12 for students. Single performance tickets for the Georgia Guitar Quartet and the Patrick-Harris Vocal Duo are $16 for adults, $14 for senior adults and $10 for students.

Highlighting the popular Showcase Series are new Copiah-Lincoln piano instructor, Joseph La Rosa, and an art exhibit by Christian artist Gary Walters. All Showcase Series performances are free.

The Georgia Guitar Quartet will be in concert on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in Rea Auditorium. The Quartet delivers a high-energy blend of breathtaking virtuosity and imaginative programming while taking an adventurous approach to classical music.

The vocal duo of tenor Joseph Harris and his wife, mezzo-soprano Terry Patrick-Harris will present a Valentine's Day recital on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in Rea Auditorium. Their program will include vocal favorites with an amorous theme from opera, art song and broadway repertoire. They will be accompanied by pianist Constance Carroll.

New Copiah-Lincoln piano instructor Joseph La Rosa will be in concert on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in Rea Auditorium. Mr. La Rosa has performed solo and chamber music recitals throughout California, Michigan and Louisiana, as well as Sorrento, Italy.

The Acting Company presents Polly Teale's groundbreaking adaptation of Jane Eyre on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in Rea Auditorium. Recognized as a masterpiece when it was published in 1847, Charlotte Bronte's extraordinary coming-of-age story remains a startlingly modern blend of passion, romance and suspense.

Christian artist Gary Walters will be on exhibit March 1-31, 2007, in the Mutton Building Gallery.

For more information contact Brad Johnson at (601) 643-8431 or Denise Riley at (601) 643-8434.

Georgia Guitar Quartet

Patrick-Harris Vocal Duo

The Acting Company

Events

Co-Lin introduces new institutional logo

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Copiah-Lincoln Community College's institutional logo has been given a makeover, as a new logo has been adopted. In a change that is described as evolutionary rather than revolutionary, the new logo has been designed to offer a more contemporary image without forsaking the college's history, according to Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner.

"For a number of years the college had used the same graphic representation, but that rendering no longer seemed adequate," said Garner.

Graphic designer Jeremy Schrader of Insomnia Networks was retained through the recommendation of Mississippi-based Halo Business Advisors, to conceptualize the new logo. A broad-based college committee was formed to study and advise the college's public relations and marketing efforts. The J. M. Ewing Administration Building was the inspiration for the new logo.

"We wanted something contemporary yet, at the same time, an icon that speaks to the venerability of the institution. I think Jeremy's design achieves both," Garner said.

Garner said the new logo has been implemented in several areas on campus already.

Copiah-Lincoln, founded in 1928, has been providing educational programs, economic development services, and cultural and recreational opportunities to constituents from the college's seven-county district and beyond. For more information about Co-Lin, visit www.colin.edu.

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Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration

The right word can make us laugh, cry, sing along, be inspired. In the Deep South, using the right word is as important as breathing.

So says Carolyn Vance Smith of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez campus, founder of the annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration and co-chairman of the conference since its beginning in 1990.

"To explore the way we talk and write in the South, the 18th annual Celebration will use the theme of 'Southern Accents: Language in the Deep South,' " Smith said.

The conference, which has won national awards for humanities programming, is free of charge. It annually attracts hundreds of people who love books and the opportunity to talk about them, Smith said.

Conference dates are Feb. 22-25, 2007, with headquarters at the Natchez Convention Center.

A highlight of the conference is a two-part program by U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran (R.-Miss.), Washington, D.C., and David Sansing, professor of history emeritus at The University of Mississippi.

Cochran's program is called "The Sound and the Fury: Southern Voices in the United States Senate." Sansing will discuss language used by U.S. Senator L.Q.C. Lamar of Mississippi, the subject of a new book he is writing.

Another conference highlight is a two-part program about famous Southern preachers by award-winning author Will Campbell of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Charles Reagan Wilson, director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at The University of Mississippi.

Yet another highlight is a program called "Poetry for the People: The Lyrics of Country Music and American Social Change" by musicians Tricia Walker and Davis Raines.

Walker, a Co-Lin graduate, is the new head of the Delta Music Institute at Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss. Raines is a singer/songwriter of Nashville, Tenn. During their program, they will perform country songs to illustrate their research.

Other programs will address Southern speech as used by characters in the works of Richard Wright and William Faulkner; word play beloved by Eudora Welty; dialect and messages in Negro spirituals; writings of humorists such as Mark Twain and Robert St. John; and the way Hollywood approaches Southern accents in films, Smith said.

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Concerts, films, a play about Mark Twain, receptions, meals, writing workshops, book signings and a writing award ceremony will also be included in the event.

Former Mississippi Gov. William Winter will again serve as master of ceremonies, something he has done all 18 years of the conference.

Co-sponsoring the NLCC with Co-Lin are the Natchez National Historical Park, Mississippi Department of Archives and History and Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Financial assistance is provided by the Mississippi Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Adams County Board of Supervisors and numerous other agencies.

Information may be obtained about the conference by visiting www.colin.edu/nlcc or by calling toll-free 866-296-6522.

Frazier sees things in a whole different light

For as long as he can remember, Marcus Frazier has always looked at life a different way from most people.

The Co-Lin Natchez graduate viewed people, places and things through the lens of his camera, trying to capture a mood, an essence, a moment.

"You could ask some of my classmates from the third grade and they'll tell you I've been drawing, or puttering with something all my life," Frazier said.

"When taking a photograph, I think what's in the back of my mind is another champion for my collection, though what's really bubbling up there is, 'Get it right before it's gone,'" said Frazier, whose photographs were exhibited in the Willie Mae Dunn Library on the Natchez Co-Lin campus last fall.

"I think photography is something that's been building up since 1996 when I returned home (to Natchez) from California. I grew up being able to see the sunsets over the river from my front porch, and when I saw it for the first time after the three months in boot camp, I had to get me a camera so I'd have visual aid when I told people about my neighbor the mighty Mississippi." He would share those photographs with friends in the Marine Corps, but it wasn't until he returned to Natchez that he became truly passionate about photography. After graduating from Co-Lin Natchez in 2005, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

"I attempted to take some classes over the years but this (love of photography) didn't actually happen until January 2005 at University of Southern Mississippi, and I've been addicted ever since. There really was no decision, it just took over," he said.

"I visited Italy for three weeks during the summer of 2005 with an art class from USM. It was wonderful; everything I expected and so much more. We spent time in Rome, Florence, Milan and other cities. One automatically thinks ruins, cathedrals, mozzarella, and wine; but the diversity of cultures was astonishing. Egyptian, Swedes, Africans, and the infamous Gypsies ... Another thing that hit me by surprise was that nothing really seemed old; everything was as full of life as any American city I've visited."

Frazier said two photographers have influenced him. "I would have to say that I have much admiration for Henri' Cartier Bresson, a French photographer from the mid 1900s, and Roy DeCarava, an Afro-American photographer who is known for capturing life in Harlem."

If he had his choice of anywhere in the world to take pictures, Frazier said, "I think it would be more exciting to be blindfolded and let someone drop me off somewhere with 50 rolls of film, necessities, and just let me do my thing."

Frazier said, "In the near future I plan to really get my photography to work for me, you know, bring in at least as much income as it takes out. I plan to do this through sales of images, stock photography (leasing to design firms), and commissions.

"I've only been at it a year and eight or nine months or so, and to have my first solo exhibition already is a big thing. It has been done before so early in an artist's career, but you see it more often in the timelines of the 'Greats'; this is my chance to see how great I am."

Congratulations

Donald Cotton ('66) is the new executive director of the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He will lead the effort to boost the university's research and scholarship programs. Dr. Cotton is a former chair of the science division at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. He has a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate from West Virginia University. He was at Southern Miss for 24 years, beginning as a professor of science education.

Ethel King ('74) of Brookhaven was recently appointed principal at Central Elementary School in Magnolia, Ark. She received a bachelor's degree in 1976 in middle school education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also received a Master's Degree in secondary guidance in 1990 from Southern Arkansas University and was certified as a secondary principal in 2000.

Nora Allen Berch ('75) a Copiah county resident, was selected as an alternative representative of the National Association of Credit Specialist. Nora is a program/ management analyst at the Copiah County office of the U.S. Department of Rural Development.

Richard Green ('95) of Monticello has been promoted to electrical and instrumentation (E&I) supervisor at Georgia Pacific. He previously worked as an E&I maintenance mechanic.

Tony Bryant ('96) of Marathon, Fla., was signed by the New Orleans Saints in December 2003. Bryant transferred from Co-Lin to Florida State University. He was one of Division I-A's most productive pass rushers. After he posted 87 tackles and 14 sacks in two seasons, Tony was drafted in the second round by the Oakland Raiders in 1998.

Kina Leggett ('98) is the accounts receivable manager in the business office at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Avery Leggett (attended) is in the Mississippi Army National Guard in the supply department. They have two sons, Avery Jr. (8) and Tyler (6 months).

Brian D. Fisher ('00) a native of Natchez, has been promoted to trust officer at Hancock Bank.

Nook Logan ('00) was acquired by the Washington Nationals from the Detroit Tigers. Logan is a centerfielder.

Larry Bass (graduate) has been promoted to yard service crew supervisor/ fire brigade at Georgia Pacific. He joined the mill in 1984.

Ann Sanders Carr (graduate) of Brookhaven watches over women's athletics and their academic progress at Mississippi State University. She was recently named Senior Woman Administrator by MSU Director of Athletics Larry Templeton.

Lance Thompson (graduate) of the East Lincoln community has been promoted to a maintenance mechanical planner at Georgia Pacific.

Ronnie Chavis (attended) has been promoted to crew leader at the paper mill at Georgia Pacific in Monticello. He joined the mill in 1984 as a reserve.

Marty Martin (attended) has been promoted to E&I supervisor at Georgia Pacific.

Danny Williams (attended) of Monticello has been promoted to crew leader at the paper mill at Georgia Pacific in Monticello.

Wedding Bells

Tina Kyzar ('01) married Clifton Craig Cox on October 7, 2006. Tina is employed by Anruss Salon of Natchez.

Erin Puryear ('01) married Josh Cogswell on September 23, 2006. After graduating from Co-Lin, Erin attended the University of Southern Mississippi. She is

employed as a reporter with the Rankin Ledger in Flowood.

Myricks Cole ('03) married Jermika Floyd August 12, 2006. Myricks received a degree in physical education from the Alabama State University.

Kimberly McBride ('03) married **Ben Goza** ('04) on August 19, 2006. Kimberly is a 2005 graduate of USM with a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise physiology. Ben is a 2006 graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. He is currently employed with the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Rusti Jackson ('05) of Brookhaven, married Jason Wallace on August 27, 2006. Rusti is currently employed as a medical laboratory technician with Lawrence County Hospital.

Michael McGowan ('05) married Heather Morris on August 7, 2006. Michael is attending the University of Mississippi School of Nursing and will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in May 2007.

Rustin Bowling ('06) married Stephanie Laiche on September 2, 2006. Rustin is employed with King's Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven.

Anna Smith ('06) married **Brian Smith** ('05) on August 19, 2006. Anna is attending Alcorn State University majoring in elementary and special education. She is employed with Brookhaven Recreation Department. Brian is employed with Paul C. Smith and Sons Inc.

Ashley Lanea Givens (graduate) married on Larry Shane Henderson September 16, 2006.

Summer L. Conn (attended) married **Corey S. Prestridge (attended)** on September 9, 2006. Summer is employed with Telepak Networks, Inc. in Meadville as supervisor of the Technical Support Call Center. Corey is currently with Wal-Mart Distribution in Brookhaven.

New Arrivals

Sandra Roberts Hyde ('96) and husband Randy Hyde announce the birth of their second son, Owen Roberts Hyde, born on June 12, 2006. He was welcomed home by his big bother, Mason.

Allison Burt Graham ('00) and Doug Graham announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Alise Graham, born on August 29, 2006.

Garrett and **Lauren Starkey** ('05) of Hazlehurst welcome their second daughter, Ragan Michelle Starkey, born on August 30,2006 at Women's Hospital. Ragan weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 inches long. Also welcoming Ragan is her big sister, Abby, age 4. Her grandparents are **Alvin (Campus Police)** and Pamela Starkey

Jim ('98) and Bonnie Chapman of Baton Rouge, La., welcomed their first child, James Sullivan Chapman born on August 30, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 ounces and was 19 inches on arrival. His grandparents are **Ken (Director of Library Resources)** and Susan Chapman.

In Memoriam

Edwin Hogan ('37) of Lufkin, Texas, passed away on September 21, 2005. He was a football player under Hook Stone while attending Co-Lin.

Hollis J. Cowen, Jr. ('63 CLAHS, '65) passed away on November 11, 2005, of diabetes. He was sales manager at Cowen Chevrolet and served as an alderman for the Town of Wesson for 19 years.

Frances Jeanette Allen ('99) of Brookhaven, passed away on July 21, 2006. She was a member of the Mt. Zion M.B. Church where she served as usher, secretary and president of Junior Mission. She was also a Sunday school teacher and on the dining committee. She worked as a praised and worship

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teacher and was director of the youth department.

Cecil Bone ('40) passed away in February. 2006

M.W. Brister, Jr. (graduate) of McComb passed away July 30, 2006. After Co-Lin he received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Mississippi State University. He was a lifelong cattle farmer and worked for the state agricultural department until his retirement. Brister also worked as a vo-tech instructor early in his career and was a World War II Veteran.

Pearlie Albert 'Coochie' Britt (graduate) of Brookhaven passed away on September 13, 2006. He worked for Lincoln County as a high school coach and teacher for 25 years, with the last 23 at Enterprise High School. He also worked with Mississippi Blood Service after his retirement. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Helen Lucille Brumfield (graduate) of Natchez passed away on June 19, 2006. She was a 1962 graduated of the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught for the Amite County school system and in Adams County for Cathedral School and the Natchez Public School System. In 1968, she was selected Star Teacher for the Natchez Public School District.

Katie Ruth Moak Cowart (graduate) passed away on January 1, 2006.

LaNelle Grice (graduate) of Tyler, Texas, passed away September 16, 2006. She lived in Brookhaven until World War II then moved to Denver, Colo., and in 2006 she moved to Tyler, Texas. She was a nurse for 30 years, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a Southern Baptist.

Martha Buie Hollingworth (graduate) passed away on August 22, 2006.

Dana Marie Haley Meritt (graduate) of Brookhaven passed away on September 20, 2006. After graduating from Co-Lin, she attended Troy State University School of Nursing. She was a neonatal nurse at Baptist Medical Center in Montgomery for 12 years. She was a member of Heuck's Retreat Baptist Church.

Ruby Pearl Smith (graduate) passed away on August 24, 2006. She worked at Co-Lin for many years in the business office.

Wayne C. Gandy (attended) passed away on August 22, 2006. He served in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II and was retired from the Illinois Central Railroad Teamsters Local 891. Gandy was a member of the Mississippi Cattle Dog Association, and was founder and former president of both Mississippi stock dog associations. He was a member of the Cattlemen Association, American Legion, Teamsters Union and a lifetime member of the Copiah Fair Association. He was a deacon at the Polar Springs Baptist Church.

Gary Dean 'Opie" Hughes II (attended) of Brookhaven, passed away on July 23, 2006, in Tyler, Texas. He attended Nazarene and Jackson Street Methodist Church.

Frank Carroll Allen (graduate), a retired banker, passed away on August 24, 2006. He was an original member of the Co-Lin Foundation's Board of Directors and served faithfully for many years.

Carolyn Kyzar McKee (attended), a native of Bogue Chitto, passed away on October 7, 2006. She received her bachelor's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught school at Moss Point, Rugby Academy in New Orleans and Pearl. She was an active member in the First Baptist Church in Pearl for 34 years and served on numerous church committees and WMU. She was a Sunday school teacher and director of the Sunday School Department.

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Dr. Howell Garner, President

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Saturday, March 3, 2007
Major Donor Banquet-Wesson Campus

Monday-Friday, March 12-16, 2006
Spring Holidays

Thursday-Friday, April 5-6, 2007
Easter Holidays

Tuesday, April 17, 2007
Natchez Campus Awards Day

Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Wesson Campus - Awards Day

Thursday, April 26, 2007
Natchez Golf Classic - Beau Pre Golf Club

Friday, May 11, 2007
Graduation Natchez Campus

Saturday, May 12, 2007
Graduation Wesson Campus

Saturday, May 12, 2007
Graduation Simpson County Center

Monday, May 28, 2007
Memorial Day Holiday

Thursday, June 21, 2007
Wesson Golf Classic – Wolf Hollow Golf Club

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